GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
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EXPORT OF ONIONS
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has notified any agency to fix the minimum support price of onion for exports;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to notify the agency for this purpose?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c) There is no minimum support price of onion for exports. Export of onions is permitted without any quantitative restrictions subject to conditions of quality laid out by the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) through NAFED and the following 12 designated canalising agencies.

(i) Maharashtra State Agricultural Marketing Board

(ii) Gujarat Agro Industries Corporation Ltd.

(iii) The Spices Trading Corporation Ltd.

(iv) The A.P. State Trading Corporation

(v) The Karnataka State Co-operative Marketing Federation Ltd.

(vi) The National Co-operative Consumers Federation of India Ltd.

(vii) The North Karnataka Onion Growers Co-operative Society

(viii) West Bengal Essential Commodities Supply Corporation Ltd.

(ix) M.P. State Agro Industries Development Corporation , Bhopal

(x) Karnataka State Produce Processing and Export Corporation

(xi) Madhya Pradesh State Co-operative Oil Seeds Growers Federation Ltd.,

(xiii) The Andhra Pradesh Marketing Federation.

NAFED allows export of onion against the Minimum Export Price fixed every month by it in consultation with the concerned Departments and the canalising agencies.